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## HOBART IN 1965

The year 1965 was an eventful one in Hobart. These gleanings are from the pages of the *Hobart Gazette*, then published by W.E. Smick. (Mabel Keilman was the office manager; Dorothy Rich, shop foreman, and Helen Robinson, layout editor.)

### Buildings Going Up...

In the spring of 1965 the Ancilla Domini Sisters, who operate St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Gary, announced that a hospital would come to Hobart. A sign was erected at State Road 51 and 61st Avenue, announcing that the proposed "Queen of Peace" 200-bed hospital would be built on 85 acres there. (It opened seven years later as a satellite of Gary Mercy Hospital and is now known as St. Mary Medical Center Hobart.)

About the same time, plans were presented for Hillman Park and a new fire station on old Ridge Road. In June, Gerald Rees, president of the Hobart YMCA, turned over the first shovel of dirt to start construction on Hobart's YMCA building near Cressmoor Country Club.

In August, a $325,000 expansion was begun for the Hobart Post Office. October brought the beginning of construction of the Trinity Lutheran Church at 9th and Linda. The Lakeview Apartments which had been erected on the Main Street site of the former Trinity Lutheran Church were advertised as ready for occupancy.

Work was resumed in the spring on the Lake George flood gate and fundraising for the community project continued.

### ...And Coming Down

Other buildings came down. The National Fireproofing Company structures were demolished in the fall. "Ridge Road Gardens," an old time watering hole, was removed to make room for I-65 and the houses on the 400 block of New Street were razed to make room for an addition to the then Junior High School.

### Prices

Grocery store advertising in the *Gazette* featured ground beef at 48 cents a pound, two heads of lettuce for 29 cents, three packages of Jello for 26 cents, sugar at 5 pounds for 49 cents, and catsup at 15 cents per bottle. The Bank of Indiana had a full page advertisement on January 14, announcing a new, higher rate on savings - 4½%.

### Local Drifts - 1965

Lilburn Titus was mayor of Hobart and Mrs. Oolah Evans was clerk-treasurer. February marked the return of Dr. William Revelli with his University of Michigan Band. It was a triumphant homecoming for Dr. Revelli, acclaimed here for his work with the Hobart High School Band.

The *Hobart Gazette* was running a series of articles on the history of Hobart written by Mrs. Carl (Mariam) Pleak. Also featured each week was a biography of one of Hobart's businessmen.

The League of Women Voters, Mrs. Philip Stafford, president, was studying local government. Lions Club officers elected in May were Bud Pavese, president; Eldor Pflughoeft, Arthur Poundstone and Glen Ewen, vice presidents; Murl Thompson, secretary; Amos Etienne, treasurer; Jerry Zelenka, Tail Twister; and John Prusiecki, Lion Tamer.

Among the retirees from the Hobart schools teaching staff in the spring of 1965 were Mrs. Olive Griffel, Mrs. Kay Osborne, Mrs. Beulah Case, Mrs. Verna Moore, and Principal O.D. Catt.

Dorothy Manteuffel was named Miss Hobart at the Miss America preliminary pageant and competed in the Miss Indiana pageant in Michigan City.

Michael LeRoy Little and Robert Alan Partlow received Eagle Awards at Boy Scout Troop No. 42. The Court of Honor was conducted by Jim Crum, Don Driemeyer, L.L. Woodruff, Clem Lundgren, and Robert Cox.

At the Jaycees Recognition Night Jerry Pavese and Richard Langbehn were given Distinguished Service Awards. Bud Pavese was named Businessman of the Year. Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Heuring was honored as the Laura Bracken Woman of the Year and Richard Harrigan won the Good Government Award.

Herman Pflughoeft and his wife Lola announced their retirement from Pflughoeft's

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## OUR FOUNDERS

The old-timers and newcomers who met in August 1965 had one thing in common — an interest in Hobart history. We owe a great deal to these people who agreed to try to preserve the past for the good of the future.

Founding members of the Hobart Historical Society include Mrs. Dana Abbott, Mrs. Emil Aldrin, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bartz, Mrs. Laura Bracken, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carlson, Anthony J. Cefali, Virginia Curtis, Rodney Cubberly, M.J. Cairns, Mrs. Fred Ewigleben, Clare Fleck, Mrs. John Fleck, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Findling, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fleming.

Also Bruce Haller, Helen Hopp, William Hebert, Richard Harrigan, Miss Alta Halsted, Marion Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Isakson, Mrs. June Kjelstrom, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lee Johnson, Mrs. Mabel Keilman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kostbade, Mr. and Mrs. William Kostbade, Carl Kjoss, Mrs. Etta Killigrew, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LePell, Miss Esther Lennertz, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Looker, James Lockwood.

And Allen Mummery, Walter MacPherson, Mrs. Edna Murray, Joseph Mellon, Miss Hulda Neff, Dr. Harry Parker, O. Ray Partlow, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Peacock, Mrs. Mariam Pleak, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pflughoeft, Matt Seling, Mrs. John Shults, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stafford, Philip Stafford, Jr., Alfred Stevenson, Mrs. Grace Sherburne, Raymond Sherburne, Rupert Schwinn, Frank Simmons.

Also W.H. Thomas, Mrs. Ruth Turner, Harold Tabbert, L.J. Titus, Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Trenary, George Vincent, Elden Waldschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walters, Maran Webster, Catherine Wehner, and Dr. Robert Williams.

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Funeral Home which would be operated by their son, Eldor Pflughoeft in association with Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Lach.

In August Charles McIntire was installed as Commander of American Legion Post No. 54 and Mrs. Edna Murray was installed as president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Garden Club officers elected in March were Mrs. Emil Aldrin, Mrs. L. Lee Johnson, Mrs. Carl Pleak, Mrs. Arthur McDowell, Mrs. Ron Koontz and Mrs. Willard Herring.

Lambda Chapter of Sigma Alpha Chi adopted a child, Duk Sim, in Korea and planned to financially assist her and her mother.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Mattingly January 26. Dorothy Bood and Robert Keller were married February 14.

Jean Scheid was attending secretarial school in Fort Wayne. Dorothy Pavlakovic graduated July 9 from Brooke Army Medical Center. Captain Pavlakovic, a 1951 graduate of Hobart High School, graduated in 1956 from the Memorial Hospital of Nursing in Phoenix, Arizona.

Susan Hawke, representing Meshowke-toquah Chapter of the D.A.R., was a county winner in the D.A.R. Good Citizen contest.

Tri Kappa's scholarship winner was Terry Fasel. Jennie Freeland won the Tri Kappa award for outstanding senior girl and John Hodsden won Tri Kappa's music scholarship.

The Hobart Public Library introduced an innovative service—coin-operated photocopying.

## OUR FIRST YEARS

*"We have long talked of organizing a historical society for Hobart and really should not put it off any longer. A first meeting has been set for Thursday, August 26, 8:00 p.m. at the Hobart Federal Savings and Loan Community Room, Third and Center Streets."*

So read the postcard (at 4 cents postage) sent out by an organizing committee in August 1965 to invite interested persons to meet and discuss the feasibility of organizing a Hobart historical society.

Byron Findling, introduced as a mainstay of the Hobart Centennial Committee (1947), served as temporary chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Donald Ballantyne was the temporary secretary. Laura Bracken, Joseph Mellon and Mrs. Philip Stafford were named to the nominating committee and at the next meeting, September 24, 1965, reported a slate of officers. Mrs. Carl Pleak was elected president; Walter Isakson, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Trenary, secretary, and Ray Walters, treasurer. The slate was unanimously elected and the Hobart Historical Society was off to a good start.

The next step was incorporation and Attorney Anthony J. Cefali, a founding member of the Society, formally incorporated the Hobart Historical Society, Inc., on May 25, 1966.

### Programs

The Society held monthly meetings and, on special occasions, carry-in dinners at members' homes. Programs included films on Indiana history, guest speakers, and members speaking on Hobart history. In 1966, the Society was active in Hobart's observance of the sesquicentennial of Indiana's statehood. Hobart's chairman for the sesquicentennial was Richard H. Harrigan, also a founding member of the Society.

An "Art and Artisans" exhibit was constructed for the 1966 Lake County Fair in Crown Point. It included art by Hobart artists and an exhibit of tools designed and built by Don Ballantyne and Philip Stafford. The tool exhibit became the Hobart Historical Society's first traveling exhibit and was displayed at many events in Hobart.

### Preserving the Past

From its very first days, the Society began to build its collections of historical material. At the second meeting, September 30, 1965, several members reported that during the demolition of houses on New Street for school expansion, a painting had been discovered on a wall in the Fritz (Passow) house. It was believed that George Earle had built the house for one of the Indians who chose to stay in Hobart rather than move west. The Society determined to save the painting and members spent hours removing the wallpaper that had covered it and cutting off the section of plaster wall on which it had been painted. The wall was moved to Mrs. Pleak's garage until it was moved to the Museum in 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ballantyne went to the NATCO works and obtained the die from the last run of brick, salesmen's samples, and other material. Another member obtained a small window from the Augustus Wood house which was being razed by St. Bridget's Church. Still others brought in books, clippings, pictures and other artifacts. Mrs. Pleak's house and garage were beginning to bulge at the seams.

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## NEW DIRECTIONS: A HOBART MUSEUM

In 1968, the three year old Hobart Historical Society embarked on an ambitious project — the preservation of the Hobart Public Library building and its transformation into a museum.

In April 1967, Paul Bartolini, director of the Lake County Public Library, announced that, having outgrown the 52 year old Hobart library building, a new public library would be built in Hobart. The new site would also be an historic one — Lot No. 1, at Front and Main Streets, where Hammond's tavern had stood when George Earle platted town lots for Hobart in 1848-9.

Minutes for Society meetings in late 1967 show that members were discussing purchase of the old library building and in April 1968, a formal resolution was passed to buy the building. $15,000 would be needed for the purchase. The balance in the treasury at that time was $70.

W.H. "Tommy" Thomas, then manager of Shultz Brothers, chaired the fund-raising committee with Laura Bracken, treasurer of the Society, assisting. A gift of $3,000 from the Hobart Recreation Society made a down payment possible and with a $12,000 mortgage from Hobart Federal Savings and Loan, the Society purchased the former Hobart Public Library from the Lake County Library Board for $15,000. Old-timers recalled that this was the third time Hobart had purchased the building. In 1914-15 when the library was built, Hobart citizens had raised the funds for it. When the Hobart Library withdrew from the Gary library system and entered the Lake County system, the building was again purchased from Gary. Now, Hobart was to buy it back again.

### Fund-Raising and Fires

Contributions were sought to retire the loan and renovate the building. Regular payments were made the first three years but then there were a few years when only the interest payments could be made. Mariam Pleak, president of the Society, often paid bills and made interest payments from her own pocket to keep the building going until the Society could take over the burden.

Paying off the mortgage was one of the prime goals of the Hobart Historical Society during 1975-76, the American Revolution Bicentennial. The mortgage was retired in early 1976 and the Society held a "fire" at the Museum and Dr. Harry Parker, vice president, and Mrs. Walter Isakson, treasurer, burned ¾ of the mortgage. The other ¼ of the mortgage was presented to former treasurer Laura R. Bracken, confined at home by illness, for her own bonfire.

### Restoration

The Society took possession of the former library on January 1, 1969. Don Ballantyne served as chairman of the building committee and spent many hours working on restoration and renovation of the building. The Marine Corps Reserve Battalion under the leadership of W.B. Enslen spent many weekends working on the building and Frank Simmons of Hobart, who was painting the Methodist Church across the street, moved his scaffolding over to the old library and repainted the interior for the Society.

The Museum first opened on July 4, 1969, and over 200 people signed the register. Its official opening and dedication was held October 12, 1969 with the Marine Corps Reserve dedicating the flag pole and Commander Enslen and Dick Harrigan raising the flag.

At first the Museum was only open on special occasions and for meetings but in 1969, Dorothy Ballantyne decided that more people should have an opportunity to visit the Museum and she volunteered her time to keep the Museum open every Saturday, which she has done ever since — 16 years of Saturdays.

Early pictures of the Museum show a spacious and largely empty main floor, with exhibits and some furniture placed here and there. Mrs. Ballantyne recalls that in those Saturdays in the Museum during the early years she had lots of time to organize the collections, do research, and write her first work on Hobart history, *George Earle and Family of Hobart, Indiana*, published in 1972 by the Society and the Lake County Library. Later, with Bob Adams, she wrote a history of Hobart post

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## Be a Friend of Hobart History

***Your Annual Contribution Supports the Preservation of Hobart History***

TO: Treasurer
Hobart Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 24, Hobart, IN 46342

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| Senior Citizen Member . . | $1.00 | Contributing Member . . | $ 25.00 |
| Youth Member . . . . . | $2.00 | Institutional Member . . | $ 50.00 |
| Personal Member . . . . . | $5.00 | Century Club Member . . | $100.00 |

Here is my contribution of $_____ to help restore and preserve Hobart's Pennsy Depot. *(Make check payable to the S.O.S. Fund.)*

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

The Hobart Historical Society is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

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In fact, she remodelled her attic into a room appropriate for storage of the historical material that was flowing in.

Another founding member, Maran Webster, gave progress reports on the history of Hobart she was writing for elementary age students. Her book, *A History of Hobart*, was published by the School City of Hobart. It was revised in 1984 by Rebecca Graves and Mary Peters with the assistance of Museum Director Dorothy Ballantyne and is still in use today. Mariam Pleak, president of the Society, wrote a series of articles on the history of Hobart for the *Hobart Gazette* and these were later published as *A Short History of Hobart* by the Bank of Indiana.

It was a busy and productive time for the Hobart Historical Society as it pursued its objectives of studying, promoting interest in and preserving our local heritage.

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offices and postmasters, *Along the Route*, published by the Society in 1979.

Today the Museum is crowded with the many things people have donated over the years to the various exhibits and to the library and archives. Museum Director Dorothy Ballantyne likes to describe the Museum as the "town attic". There is little time to do research or organize as a constant stream of visitors, groups, and researchers come in to browse, enjoy a guided tour, or delve into the Society's rich collection of material on Hobart history.

A number of faithful docents have assisted at the Museum over the years. Current docents include Naomi Fleeger, Eleanor Thurow, Helen Hopp and Letitia Keilman.

Others fulfilling a regular schedule have included Mary and Bill Glynn, Blanche Roth, Florence Spiher, and Lillian Chapman. There have been many occasions when other members have given special assistance as docents or in other roles. Junior and senior high school students who have given of their time over the years include Doug Mayer, Andrew Allen, Tom Wells, Jacen Malek and Erica Christianson. Others have also assisted on a short time basis. Many thanks go to all these friends for their service to the cause of Hobart history.

## BICENTENNIAL FUND RETIRED MORTGAGE

In 1976 the U.S.A. celebrated its 200th anniversary and Hobart celebrated in old-fashioned patriotic style. The Historical Society took an active part in plans for the celebration which earned Bicentennial Community status for Hobart. One of Hobart's Bicentennial projects was to retire the mortgage on the Museum. This was accomplished in 1976 with the help of contributors to a special Bicentennial Fund, based on contributions of $50 or more.

Our thanks to the Hobart American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the people listed here who helped burn the mortgage!

Dorothy Ballantyne, Elsie Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Christianson, Rowland A. Fabian, Bess Hayward, Dorothy K. Heuring, Hobart Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Hobart Lions Club, Helen Hopp, Doris White Inscho, Kappa Kappa Kappa - Epsilon Zeta Chapter.

Also Lake Federated Club, Mrs. Clemens W. Lundgren, Robert and Helen Lute, McDonald's Restaurant, Meshowke-to-quah Chapter, D.A.R., Dr. Harry Parker, Ruth M. Pike, Fred J. Scriba, and Mrs. Edward Spiher.

## MUSEUM VISITORS

A total of 37,186 visitors and researchers have signed in at the Museum in the past 12 years. The yearly average attendance is 3100. Records on total attendance have been kept since 1973. These figures represent total attendance from 1973 through 1984.

## HOBART HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

Four people have served as president of the Hobart Historical Society since its founding. They are Mariam J. Pleak, 1965-1972; Dorothy Ballantyne, 1973-1975; Edward J. Hahn, 1976-1980; and Elin Christianson, 1980-1985.

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## MUSEUM BUILDING AN HISTORIC LANDMARK

In 1982 the old Hobart library, now the Hobart Historical Society Museum, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior. At the same time it was also named to the Indiana Register of Historic Places. These registers are the official inventories of sites of national, state, or local significance in the development of our heritage. The primary historic significance of the Museum building is in its original character as a Carnegie-funded library.

### A Library for Hobart

The foundations for the Hobart Public Library were laid with the establishment of the Hobart Woman's Reading Club in 1883. This club still exists today as the Hobart Woman's Club. The club long dreamed of a public library for Hobart and in 1912 began to work toward a Carnegie grant. The women held luncheons, recitals, teas, dances and rummage sales to raise the funds needed to match the Carnegie money.

In 1914, Hobart Township contracted with the Gary Public Library to provide library services for Hobart and the Carnegie grant paid for the construction of the building. Ingwald Moe, a prominent Gary builder, won the contract and construction began in August 1914. A.F. Wickes of Moe's office was the architect. Brickwork was sub-contracted to Richard King and lumber and millwork to William Scharbach, Jr.

### Architectural Details

The building is a two story structure located on a lot in the original town of Hobart. The architectural style is English Revival with brick exterior walls and a steeply-pitched slate roof supported by oak beams. Interior walls are of plaster. Woodwork and wall bookcases are oak. The exterior decoration includes a timber and plaster gable over a bay. The five windows in the bay are of leaded glass with a stained glass flower medallion set in each.

The main floor is one large room and its open plan layout is based on guidelines published by the Carnegie Foundation. Originally, the east end of the floor was the children's department; the west end, the adult department, with the library's circulation desk in the center. The original wall bookcases and the circulation desk are still in place as is the fireplace at the east end of the room. The lower level once held a social room and smaller work and utility rooms. Alterations to the building both during its life as a library and in the present have been minor and visitors today see it much as they would have when it first opened in 1915.

## THE PENNSY DEPOT

On February 23, 1983, ownership of Hobart's old Pennsylvania Railroad station passed from Conrail to the Save Our Station Committee of the Hobart Historical Society.

Efforts to purchase the Pennsy Depot began early in 1982 when the late Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr. learned that it might be available. Mayor Calvin E. Green, Jr. and Robert Krull, a director of the Hobart Historical Society, pursued Benjamin's lead and organized a meeting with Conrail at which Conrail offered the property at $6,000 to a non-profit organization with a public service intent.

Realizing that they must act quickly, the citizins at the meeting went to work and within a month had formed the Save Our Station Committee under the sponsorship of the Hobart Historical Society and had received a contribution of $6000 from the Hobart Industrial and Commercial Foundation which enabled the Committee to purchase the Depot.

### Money and Rotten Wood

The S.O.S. Committee, undaunted by rotten joists, leaks, and termites, has accomplished a great deal in the three years it has been working on the Depot.

Under the direction of Chuck Flick, a member of the S.O.S. Committee, emergency repairs were made, the water filling the basement was pumped out (three times), and rotten beams and joists were replaced. Workers removed a false baggage room floor and restored it and the station office to their original configurations. Crumbling plaster was removed and replaced with drywall. New wiring, heating, and plumbing lines were added, and windows replaced or repaired.

In the spring of 1985, volunteers and apprentices from the Bricklayers and Masonry Workers Union No. 6 undertook to tuckpoint and repair the exterior brick and tile of the Depot.

Listing the Depot on the National Register of Historic Places was a high priority for the Society and the S.O.S. Committee and this was accomplished in March 1984. The Depot has also been listed as an Indiana Historic Landmark.

## HOBART HISTORY ON DISPLAY

Hobart history is everywhere you look in the Hobart Historical Society Museum, from the building itself to the interior where artifacts of many aspects of Hobart life are on display. The Museum is open Saturdays from 10 to 3 and at other times by appointment.

The Museum concentrates on items with a definite connection to Hobart and has built its collections almost entirely through donations. Periodically the Museum organizes special exhibits from its own collections or through loans from its members and friends. Each Christmas, trees decorated to represent various nations from the Alice Messina collection are displayed. Other special displays have included business memorabilia, postcards, greeting cards, and old tools.

Main floor exhibits focus on the history of the Hobart area and home life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The earliest objects in the Museum are fossils and ice age objects. Moving ahead in time, one finds Indiana artifacts and furnishings brought to Hobart by covered wagon in the 1830's.

The east end of the main floor is devoted to a home exhibit of furniture, clothing, linen and utensils of the period 1890-1920. Exhibits on the west side include a model of George Earle's mill, a 1967 aerial photo of Hobart, memorabilia from Hobart war veterans from the Civil War on, a display of historical material and textbooks from the Hobart schools, and much, much more.

### Ballantyne Gallery

The Ballantyne Gallery, on the lower level of the Museum, includes full replicas of a blacksmith shop, a wheelmaking and woodworking shop, and an operating print shop where, on many Saturdays, visitors can watch the printer hand-setting type and running the press. A street scene setting features shop window displays. Other items from Hobart's past are found "in the alley".

The Gallery was built by Philip T. Stafford as a memorial to Donald Ballantyne, whose interest in the early craftsmen of the area brought to the museum its fine collection of wheelwright and woodworking tools.

Mr. Ballantyne was a founder, director, and building chairman of the Society. It was he who spent many hours planning, directing, and doing the renovation work when the Society took over the Museum building. Mr. Ballantyne died in June 1973 and memorial contributions provided the funds to construct the gallery. The gallery also honors Mr. Ballantyne's grandfather William Ballantyne, one of the first owners of the old mill in Hobart; his father, James M. Ballantyne; and his brothers, Elmer and Milton.

## RESEARCH INTO HOBART'S HISTORY

Students working on papers, genealogists, historians from universities in the area, and researchers looking into local history are coming to the Hobart Historical Society's Mariam J. Pleak Memorial Library and Archive in increasing numbers each year. In addition, the Society receives a number of inquires by mail from all over the U.S. which the Museum staff endeavors to answer. The Library is open for use Saturdays from 10 to 3 and at other times by appointment.

The Pleak Library is a research collection, primarily related to Hobart history. It also covers Calumet Region, Indiana, and U.S. history to some extent. It includes books, periodicals, and a large resource file of local material arranged under more than 300 subjects.

There are a number of special collections. These include genealogy and obituary files of Hobart families, Hobart newspapers from 1890 to date in both paper copy and microfilm, federal censuses for Lake County (1840-1910) with indexes for Hobart Township, a large picture file with index, maps, and a file of abstracts of title for Hobart property.

The Library also provides record storage for Hobart organization, both active and defunct.

### Origins

The Library was established in 1973 as a memorial to Mrs. Mariam J. Pleak, founding member, first president, and for many years the guiding light of the Hobart Historical society, whose collection of historical material formed the basis of the Library.

Mrs. Pleak was a long time civic and cultural leader in Hobart. A graduate of the University of Chicago, she served as a curator of the Chicago Historical Society before moving to Hobart in 1933. She led and was active in many civic organizations and was the second recipient of the Laura Bracken Award for Community Service. Her historical activities included writing the history of Hobart for Hobart's Centennial in 1947 and serving as secretary of the Hobart Centennial Committee.

## CENTURY CLUB

The Hobart Historical Society's Century Club dates back to the founding of the Society. It includes the names of those who have donated $100 or more in a single year. Some donate this amount annually. Others have contributed much larger amounts. Their names are engraved on the Century Board displayed at the Museum.

The Society is grateful to all its Century Club members for their generous and important support.

### Memorials

Elmer, Milton, and Donald Ballantyne, Glen Gaylen Burge, Lillian and Glen Garhart Burge, Emil Ewigleben, Dr. Louis M. Friedrich, Mr. and Mrs. James Gill, Fran Greene, Floyd and Goldenia Harrigan, Luther Lee Johnson, John K. Jones, Peter F. Kellen, Arlie G. Kerr, Pearl and Manny Lutz, Dr. R.C. and Ruth Mackey, Ione Wood McComas, Joseph E. Mellon, Babe Gill Nelson, Frieda and Henning Nelson, Anna and Fred Rose, Sr., and Calvin and Esther Scholler.

### Individuals

Emil Aldrin family, Despina Atseff, Alexander Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ballantyne, John Ballantyne, Helene Wild Baty, Fred and Mildred Baumer, Lee and Mabel Blake, Emily Bracken, Laura R. Bracken, Elsie Bradley, David B. Christianson, Erica J. Christianson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Christianson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O. Christianson, Lawrence and Esther Dooling.

Also Kerbert B. Earle, Mr. and Mrs. Verne E. Elliott, Bliss Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Engstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Enslen, Rowland Fabian, Clare Fleck, John Fleck family, Basil Fleming, Byron Findling, Mrs. Byron Findling, Leon Gardner, Dr. William J. and Mary R. Glover, Mary and Bill Glynn, Lois Tabbert Gordner, Cal and Marcie Green, Jo Bracken Gourlay.

And Edward J. Hahn, Miss Alta Halsted, Shirley Kostbade Hayslip, Bess M. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. William Hebert, Miss Helen Hopp, Kendall and Helen Scholler Houtz.

Also Doris White Inscho, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Isakson, Jacob J. Ittel family, Herbert and Eugenie Jory, Neil and Marie Kellen, Mrs. Alvina M. Killigrew, Oscar and June Kjelstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kjoss, Harry R. Kneifel, Sr., Esther and Louis Kostbade, Raymond and Doris Kostbade, William and Jo Kostbade, James C. Kraft, Carl F. Krausse, Robert and Dorothy Krull, William and Myrtle Krull.

And Miss Esther Lennertz, Robert and Ilene Lindholm, Clarence and Brianne Lowery, Robert and Helen Lute, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McAfee, Walter MacPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mickritz, Helen Mitchell, John and Blanche Burge Mosak, Ray Nelson, Dr. W.A. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Niksch, Dr. Harry C. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ray Partlow, Bob and Louise Passow, Mrs. Warren Pike, Dr. W.H. Pike, Jr., Mrs. Carl E. Pleak.

Also Mrs. Laura P. Ragon, Dr. and Mrs. John Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Rhoades, Genevieve Murray Sallas, Carl A. Scheid, Mrs. Annette B. Schlater, Fred and Hazel Scriba, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Seling, Elsie and Howard Shearer, Vada and Calvin Shearer, John and Faye Shults, Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Stafford.

And Harold E. Tabbert, Alfred and Betty Rossow Tarnow, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Thomas, Lilburn J. Titus, Mrs. Lilburn J. Titus, Kenneth and Rose Trenary, Blair and Wally Truitt, George Vincent, Ovia and Georgia Watson, Maran Webster, Sam and Margaret Werstler, Edith and Eugene Wise, Ruby and L.L. Woodruff, Jerry and Shirley Zelenka, and Jory Penney Zsido.

### Business and Organizations

AFCO Inc.; Hobart Branch, American Association of University Women; Bank of Indiana; Gary National Bank, Hobart Branch; General Telephone Company; Hobart Business and Professional Women's Club; Hobart Federal Savings & Loan Assn.; Hobart Heritage Federated Women's Club; Hobart Leo Club; Hobart Lions Club; Hobart Lumber Co.; Hobart Players Guild; Hobart Republican Women's Club.

Also Hobart Rotary Club; Hobart Woman's Club; Hobart Youth Center; Isakson Motor Sales; Kappa Kappa Kappa - Epsilon Zeta Chapter; Kappa Kappa Kappa - Epsilon Zeta Associates; Lake Federated Club; Oak Ridge Roller Dome; Phi Beta Psi - Theta Rho Chapter; Phi Beta Psi - Associate Chapter; Schultz Brothers Co.; Zeta Beta Chi Junior Woman's Club.